

72 fee-charging process by sequentially recording data, in accordance with the fee to be charged, in a region provided in the recording medium and corresponding to a sum of fees that can be charged for the recording medium recorded, and to stop the transmission of output data through the interface when the region corresponding to the sum of fees decreases in size to a predetermined size or becomes smaller than the predetermined size.

--43. (Amended) A data recording medium recording desired data, wherein data corresponding to a sum of fees that can be charged for [accesses] access to [the] a recording medium is recorded and can be updated.

--44. (Amended) A data recording medium recording desired data, wherein a region corresponding to a sum of fees that can be charged for [accesses] access to [the] a recording medium is provided and data can be recorded in [the] a region.--

REMARKS

Claims 1-44 remain in the application and claims 1-38 and 41-44 have been amended hereby.

The instant application is based upon an originally filed foreign application and the amendments to the specification are made to place the application in idiomatic English and present the claims in clearer form for examination.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is
earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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